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Re EMBTEL 936.

Following summary first person not sent Libyan Prime Minister

"I have seen press accounts your address before Libyan Chamber Deputies May 19, and feel bound to express concern over portion of statement dealing with offers economic assistance from US Government which contains implications not reflecting agreement reached our discussions earlier same day. As you aware, government funds under mutual security program cannot be committed beyond those made available by US Congress for given fiscal year. In light of close and friendly relations existing between two governments, as evidenced by special efforts made during current year by my government to respond Libya's needs in anticipation some reduction in amount British funds available for budgetary purposes, I feel certain your government can look forward to continued sympathetic consideration Libya's reasonable economic needs future years. Nevertheless, no commitment funds, beyond those already available through congressional action, can be made.

I have received brief report from Mr. Gordon that he and Mr. Shaglouf have worked out procedures by which five and one-half million dollars from US sources for budgetary purposes for current Libyan fiscal year, can be made available. I trust you will find these acceptable and that they will suffice meet your particular political as well as budgetary requirements. I feel sure that with good-will, patience and confidence on both sides we can satisfy both your and our legislative requirements.

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